

SENATE RESOLUTION 49

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Michael Chrisawn for his  
honorable and astute service to the people of  
McMinnville, Warren County and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Chrisawn is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as President of the McMinnville/Warren County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Recruiter for McMinnville/Warren County, Michael Chrisawn has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to McMinnville and Warren County have significantly affected several areas; he has created a new vitality in the Chamber of Commerce and has provided outstanding leadership during the largest job expansion period in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, after more than ten years in Warren County, his skills and expertise will soon be used in Roane County; he will serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the

Roane County Alliance; the Alliance encompasses the Chamber of Commerce and tourism and industrial development efforts for Roane County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chrisawn's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chrisawn graduated from Old Fort High School in North Carolina in 1967; he then pursued his academic goals at the University of North Carolina-Asheville where he received a Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1974; he has continued to strive for excellence by participating in university programs designed for Chamber executives; and

WHEREAS, his impeccable professional service as a Chamber of Commerce Executive and Industrial Recruiter includes exemplary tenures in Union, South Carolina, Shelby, North Carolina, Bessemer, Alabama, Blacksburg, Virginia, and finally Warren County where he has served since 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chrisawn is a valued member of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives organization; he served with great probity as President in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chrisawn is an extremely giving person who often reaches out to help those in need in his community; he is a member of the McMinnville Rotary Club, the McMinnville/Warren County Economic and Community Development Committee, the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Aerospace Region, the Riverpark Hospital Advisory Committee, and as a member of the advisory boards for several local industries; and

WHEREAS, he is a devoted and esteemed member of the First Presbyterian Church in McMinnville; he has served with acumen and alacrity as a church Elder and Sunday School teacher for the young adult class; he is also a member of the church handbell choir, and serves on the development committee for the Living Waters Synod of the Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chrisawn proudly served his country in the military during the Vietnam War; he was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and great sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Michael Chrisawn is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife Lea Gilmore, and their three sons; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chrisawn is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mr. Michael Chrisawn for his honorable and astute service as the President of the McMinnville/Warren County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Recruiter for McMinnville/ Warren County and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.